The light at home how bright it beams
When evening shades around us fall;
And from the lattice far it gleams.
To love, and rest, and comfort all;
When wearied with the toils of day.
And strife for gory gold, or fame,
liow sweet to seek the quiet way.
Where loving lips will lise our name
Around the light at home!

When through the dark and stormy night.
The wayward wanderer homeward flies,
How cheering is that twickling light,
Which through the lorest gloom he spies.
It is the light of home. He teels.
That loving hearts will greet him there,
And safely through his boson steals.
The joy and leve that banish care
Around the light at home. The light at home how still and sweet The light at home how still and sweet
It peeps from yonder cottage door.
The weary laborer to greet.
When the rough toils of day are o'er!
Sad is the goal that does not know.
The blussings that the beams impart
The cheerful hopes and joys that flow
And lighten up the heaviest heart
Around the light at home.

GOV. PALMER ON STATE RIGHTS. In the inaugural address of John M. Palmer. Governor of Illinois. occurs the following remarkable

passage: "The Federal government is one of enumerated powers. It is essential to the usefulness of the State governments that their just authority should be respected by that of the nation. Already the authority of the States is in a measure paralyzed by a growing conviction that all their powers are in some sense derivative and subordinate, and not original and independent. The They fill a well-defined place, and their just authority must be respected by the Paland government, if it is expected that their laws will be obeyed. 'A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of government is essential to civil liberty,'

and in this view I have thought it proper to invite your attention to these subjects." We say "remarkable passage," not because the truths contained but because the party of which Gov; Palmer is an honored and honorable member has for eight years repudiated and trampled them under foot. Previous to 1860 the enunciation of such sentiments would have created no more surprise, and oceasioned no more remark, than an announcement that the world was round, or that the waters of the Mississippi flowed into the Gulf of Mexico. But since that time these sentiments have become very unfashionable, and the expression of them in public frequently very dangerous. More than one citizen of the great State over which Gov. Palmer has been called to steamship stockholder and agent to lowing on "Stephens the Swindler," preside tasted the sweets of a drum- perfection. He was making inquiries undoubtedly the same man: head court and a military prison, for he said, concerning the advantages indulging in just such declarations of San Francisco over Panama as a beginning of August, victimized at as his excellency has now proclaimed in the presence of assembled thousands. Then the merest allusion to the existence of State Rights was

branded as "treason," and placed the speaker under a political and Harbor Commissioners and they social ban sufficiently stringent to would render him every facility," he convince him that free speech in a was told. He accordingly addressed free country was little better than a them a communication as follows stupendous farce. In those dark days, when it required no ordinary courage to advocate this doctrine; when it was literally crushed beneath the armed heel of arbitrary and irresponsible power, and its friends whispered with bated breath; in those days we never heard that Gov. Palmer ever lifted up his voice, or entered a single protest against the encroachments which he now professes to view with so much dread. It would have cost something to have stood forward in defence of the right then it is cheap and easy to do so now. But we are not disposed to be hypercritical in the matter, and therefore simply remind the distinguished gentleman whose utterances we have quoted, that the feet of water. Democracy of his State and the Democracy of the nation indorsed these views before he was born, and will indorse them after he is dead. They are the soul and essence of our form of government, and, when finally and forever abandoned by the American people, the republic virtually

Radical Governor, addressing the Radical Legislature of a Radical State, is forced by his honest convictions of duty to give them his otticial sanction. Gov. Palmer sees with alarm the advancing strides of consolidating despotism which threaten to obliterate the boundaries and the rights of sovereign commonwealths, and merge all in the it. We hope it is not too late, but if the day of salvation has gone by, if the wheels of revolution are destined to roll on and destroy the last yestige of our liberties, he must remember that the stain of this precious blood clings to the skirts of that party whose chosen champion he is NORTHERN SYMPATHY WITH

The New York Times (Republican)

It is a little curious to observe with what intense delight we hear of a rebellion against any government, no matter what it is, or where it is, so it b not our own. We don't stop to inquire into the objects of the revolt, its motives or chances of success, or whether it is Oh, no! Certainly not; that is, they likely to benefit or ruin those who en- would charge no rates or tolls for gage in it. If it is only a rebellion against ships' supplies, but only for coal. a government, that is all we ask. It has But this was not as liberal a propoall our sympathies—all our good wishes sition as Mr. Stephens desired. He -all the help we can give it without getting into trouble ourselves. The Fenians in Ireland-the handful of Cretans starving in hopes of overthrowing the Turkish Government-the Spanish Liberals overthrowing the monarchy, and office several times to talk the matnow the Cubans rebelling against the ter over, and his appearance was the Spanish Liberals—they all have the sym- signal for our worthy commissioners pathy and encouragement of our people. The prevalent idea with us on this subject seems to be that all government is bad and ought to be overthrown, and that we are bound by our principles, our traditions and our interests to help those noble spirits who rebel against authority anywhere of whatever sort. One would kids, that they were particularly imthink our own experience should teach pressed with his bearing, and no us the necessity of some discrimination | doubt had frequently to choke down | NO. in this matter. We insisted that no their desire to allow him to coal his foreign nation should sympathize with our Rebels, no matter what they might think about the causes of their rebellion, The whole thing was none of their busi ness. Have we any more concern with mingly with Mr. Stephens for some Crete, or Spain, or Cuba, or Ireland, than time He lived on the fat of the

England had with us during our war?

ADVENTURES OF A CONFIDENCE He Escapes from Australia—Visits
Panama and San Francisco—Répresents Himself as a Steamship Agent chant Princes and Leaves with their Money—He Visits Brigham Young—

by Brooklyn Detectives. On the 14th of December last, Deectives Folk and Videto arrested, at the Aster House, in New York, one thing. He did not know Mr. Ste-Thomas Stephens, who is charged phens from a side of sole leather. with having obtained \$2,500 from It was an irregular way of doing J. C. Merrill & Co., of San Francis-business, to say the least, and be co, Cal., by means of a worthless concluded to undo it if possible. draft in the name of George Seely, agent of the Panama and New Zealand Royal Mail Steamship Company, at Panama. This Stephens is is nearly sixty years of age, has a fine intelligent leaking the state of the possible. He accordingly requested Mr. Stephens to make good the sum he had received, if perfectly convenient you know, and he would send the draft to New Zealand for collection. fine, intelligent looking face and Mr. Stephens was perfectly willing gentlemanly address. His career to accommodate him and would do so has been a remarkable one. One at once. Now it is reported that chapter of it is contained in the fol-lowing interesting account of his of the Panama and New Zealand,

lished in San Francisco: markably gentlemanly appearance arrived at Panama from Australia, George Seely, agent of the New Zealand Royal Steamship Company, as Mr. Thomas Stephens, a large money he squared up at the bank stockholder in the company, on his of California. State governments are a part of the way to San Francisco for the pur-American system of government. Pose of establishing a terminus at cluded that the arduous labors to

ing merchants and bankers, representing himself as the agent of the ed, and in a short timehe was estabingratiate themselves into his good arrested at the Astor House, New graces, and he was much sought York city, on that day. Next day after by people who were regarded he forwarded a requisition from in mercantile circles as worth know. Gov. Haight, and unless Stephens

He lived like a prince at the Cos- brought here for trial. mopolitan, gave sumptuous dinners, and carried out his character of rich (Australia) Times publishes the fol-SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7, 1868,-To the Honorable the Board of State Harbor Commissioners: Gentle men-The Panama and New Zeland Royal Mail Steamship Company Limited, contemplating the chang ing of the terminus of their line from Panama to this port, have appointed a commissioner to examine and report fully on the advantages and expenses consequent on said change. In pursuance of said duty I would most respectfully ask whether, and the lowest terms upon which you could furnish us with ample and sufficient wharfage and dock facilities. Should it b decided to dispatch two steamers per month (at present we are only running monthly), a berth would be required most of the time for a steamer not exceeding 360 feet in

I am, most respectfully, your bedient servant,

THOS. STEPHENS. On Board of Harbor Commissioners, always alive to the best interests of the State, replied promptly. They say a splendid opportunity for adding to the commerce of the port and proposed to the distinguished stranger the most advantageous terms. Their regular rates ceases to exist. And it is one of the were so and so, but for a regular surest evidences of the vitality of line of steamships to change the these fundamental principles, that a current of the Australian trade and owners and agents do not make extensive bargains in a hurry. There are many preliminaries that have to be settled, and capitalists are the very men of all others who strike at Limited, was not to be caught by the grasp of a central empire. He points | chaff thrown out to our Harbor addressed them the following com-

> SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14, 1868. To the Honorable the Board of State Harbor Commissioners, San Francisco: Gentleman-Acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 7th instant, and thanking you for your proposal to make a liberal deduction in your wharfage rates, I would still further inquire whether the supplies for our steamers will be subject to the charge of dock tolls? Trusting that such will not be the case, and awaiting your reply,

I remain yours truly, THOMAS STEPHENS. To this communication the commissioners responded with alacrity. must have his coals placed on board of ship free ot whar ftolls. Oh this point he was quite decided, and he called at the Harbor Commissioners' to "wash their hands in invisible soap and imperceptible water' and treat him with the greatest courtesy. He was a nice old gentleman, with his flowing white beard, genteel suit of black and hands neatly eneased in ships free of tolls, with strong internal appeals to their sense of official duty. Things went on swim-

and his table at the Cosmo politan covered the legs of bank ers and merchants every night. Bugood things must have an end, Stephens needed money and went to Ralston, so the story goes, and negotiated a draft for £200 on a bank in New Zealand, and received the Comes to New York, and is Arrested money. After the money had been paid, the great financier bethought himself that he had done a foolish

transactions in Panama and San etc., limited, to J. C. Merrell & Co., Francisco, taken from a paper pub. a business that would have been handy to have either in that or any Some time in September last an other house. But whether this was elderly man of fine address and reother house. But whether this was went to them and drew a draft for £500 on George Seely, the agent of and there introduced himself to Mr. the Panama and New Zealand Steamship Company at Panama; that they cashed it, and with this

Soon after this, Mr. Stephens conthis point, provided satisfactory ar- which he had been subjected had so rangements could be made. His enervated him that he must have a manner and conversation completely little recreation, and he concluded bewildered Mr. Seely, who was led to go on a hunting excursion. He to believe his story, and showed him accordingly packed his things, paid every attention, taking him on his bill at the hotel and started off board the opposition steamer in a Nothing was heard of him for some six oared gig when he took his de-parture. Not only did he show him back protested, with the informathese attentions, but introduced him | tion that Stephens had no money to the Purser as a rich Australian, on deposit at Panama to meet the who was a large stockholder in the draft. Merrill & Co. then began to company of which he was agent, "smell a mice." They went to the and requested the Purser to show police office and reported the case him every attention in his power. to Chief Crowley. He placed it in With this quasi endorsement Ste- the hands of Capt. Lees, who prophens comes to San Francisco, and ceeded to investigate the anteupon his arrival put up at the Cos- cedents of Stephens and ascertain mopolitan. His first business was the cause of his departure. The to become acquainted with the lead- | Captain heard from him at Sacramento, and received sufficient information to satisfy him that Stephens steamship company above mention- had gone East by the overland route. He followed him by means lished on a good business footing. of telegraph, and on Wednesday his Merchants wanted the trade of his labors were rewarded by the inforcompany, bankers were anxious to mation that Mr. Stephens had been

> habeas-corpused, he will be In this connection the Lyttleton

"This character, who, about the terminus for his steamships, and, of least one local firm, has gone, it is course, the mercantile influence were believed, to America by the last all brought to bear to convince him Panama mail steamship. We are of the superior advantages of this informed that he managed to get a port. But how about wharfage and forged draft acceptance on Cruikdockage for his steamers? "Why, shank & Co., of Aukland, cashed in he must apply to the Board of State Melbourne; that he drew upon D. Nathan & Co., of Aukland, for £2,000, which amount he contrived to get in cash; and that he ordered but did not obtain goods to the amount of £3,000 from the Longlands' Foundry Company in Melbourne. Stephens escaped from Hobart Town (a convict settlement in Australia) on the 23d of July in the schooner Cleopatra, and was in Lyttleton on the 2d of August. We have seen a carte de visite of the accomplished chevalier d'industrie and we must say it indicates a man of considerable personal attractions

and intellect." From his manner of doing busi ness, Capt. Lees is firmly impressed with the belief that he is James Sayward, a noted English forger, who was formerly a barrister of the Inner Temple, and sent to Botany Bay more than ten years ago for forgery. He is certainly a most accomplished scoundrel, and it is not surprising that he has met length, and not to exceed twenty with such success in his travels. There are good reasons for believing that J. C. Merrill & Co. are not the only victims of the frauds in

San Francisco.

After leaving San Francisco, from whence he shipped his baggage by steamer to New York, Mr. Stephens started overland for this point. On his way, according to his own story which is doubtless true, he stopped at Salt Lake City, Utah, and was the guest of Brigham Young, who entertained him handsomely, as be coming a gentleman of leisure and means. It was with regret that bring it to this port, they would let Mr. Stephens parted from his friend him have all the dock and wharf Brigham. Arrived at the Astor facilities he needed at greatly re- House, he registered his name as duced prices. But large steamship Capt. Scott. He only had time to partake of a good breakfast when nformed by the detectives that he was wanted. No resistance was made, and he was soon in Brooklyn. and afterwards on his way to San details. Mr. Stephens, the agent of Francisco. He asserted that his the Panama and New Zealand, etc., California transactions were all right, but evinced some interest as to what would be the penalty, proout the danger, he strives to avert Commissioners, and he accordingly vided he was guilty, as charged Ere long he will doubtless be in ormed by a California judge and

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